

57. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the metal is iron(II) or iron(III), aluminum, zinc or copper.

58. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the metal oxalate is ferric potassium oxalate or copper oxalate.

CE *Sub* 59. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the amount of metal oxalate is between 2% to 100% by weight of the total composition.

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cont. 60. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein the amount of metal oxalate is between 2% to 10% by weight of the total composition.

61. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the metal oxalate is present as an aqueous suspension.

62. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the carrier comprises a binder to facilitate the adhesion of the metal oxalate onto the surface of an article to be treated.

CE *Sub* 63. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the binder comprises between 0.1% and 100% by weight of the carrier.

64. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the mollusc repellent composition further comprises a fungicide.

65. (New) The method of claim 64, wherein the fungicide comprises about 0.05% to 1.0% by weight of the total composition.

66. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the composition further comprises a diluent to enable even coverage of the article to which the repellent is to be applied.

67. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the diluent comprises between about 0% to 95% by weight of the total composition.

68. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the composition further comprises a growth hormone.

69. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein the growth hormone is a seaweed extract.

CS Sub 70. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein the growth hormone comprises between 0.05% and 1% by weight of the total composition.

71. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the composition comprises a metal oxalate in combination with at least one other mollusc repellent.

72. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the article to be treated is an animate or an inanimate article.

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73. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein the animate article is a seed having the potential to produce at least one root, and a growth hormone is readily available to the at least one root as it emerges from the seed.

74. (New) The method of claim 72, wherein the inanimate article is a weed mats, an outlet pipe for cooling systems, a hull of a ship, a driveways of a home, or a grow-bag.

75. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the form of the repellent is a solid, a suspension, or a coating composition.

76. (New) A mollusc repellent composition comprising an effective amount of a substantially insoluble metal oxalate and an suitable carrier therefor.

77. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 76, wherein the metal of the metal oxalate is a transition metal or a transition metal in combination with a non-transition metal.

78. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 76, wherein the metal is iron(II) or iron(III), aluminum, zinc or copper.

79. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 55, wherein the metal oxalate is ferric potassium oxalate or copper oxalate.

80. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 76, wherein the amount of metal oxalate is between 2% to 100% by weight of the total composition.

81. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 80, wherein the amount of metal oxalate is between 2% to 10% by weight of the total composition.

82. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 76, wherein the metal oxalate is present as an aqueous suspension.

83. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 76, wherein the carrier comprises a binder to facilitate the adhesion of the metal oxalate onto the surface of an article to be treated.

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84. (New) ~~The mollusc repellent composition of claim 83, wherein the binder comprises between 0.1% and 100% by weight of the carrier.~~

85. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 76, further comprising a fungicide.

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86. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 85, wherein the fungicide comprises about 0.05% to 1.0% by weight of the total composition.

87. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 76, wherein the composition further comprises a diluent to enable even coverage of the article to which the repellent is to be applied.

88. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 87, wherein the diluent comprises between about 0% to 95% by weight of the total composition.

89. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 76, wherein the composition further comprises a growth hormone.

90. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 89, wherein the growth hormone is a seaweed extract.

cg ^{sub} 91. (New) ~~The mollusc repellent composition of claim 89, wherein the growth hormone comprises between 0.05% and 1% by weight of the total composition.~~

92. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 76, wherein the composition comprises a metal oxalate in combination with at least one other mollusc repellent.

B¹ cont. 93. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 76, wherein said composition is in the form of coating composition.

94. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 76, wherein said composition is in the form of a paint.

95. (New) The mollusc repellent composition of claim 94, wherein the carrier is an aqueous surfactant solution, an aqueous polyvinyl acetate solution, or an oil-based paint.

96. (New) A mollusc repellent composition suitable for sustainable agricultural purposes comprising:

- (i) an effective amount of an aqueous solution of oxalic acid or soluble metal oxalate; and
- (ii) an effective amount of an aqueous solution of a soluble metal salt,

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whereby sequential application of the two solutions, in either order, results in the *in situ*
preparation of a substantially insoluble metal oxalate as an aqueous suspension.
